

ETUDE SUR LES TARIFS RES POSTES, TELEGRAPHES ET TELEPHONES

Nous reproduisons ci-dessous une étude de M. A. H. Hardy, lue devant la Chambre de Commerce du District de Montréal. Nous sommes certains que nos lecteurs la trouveront intéressante autant par les renseignements qu'elle contient que par les conclusions qu'elle comporte. Monsieur le Président, Messieurs,

Avec la permission de notre président, je viens ici faire quelques suggestions qui pourraient être utiles dans notre service postal intérieur. Dans mes voyages fréquents à travers l'Europe j'ai étudié un peu partout le système postal, surtout en ce qui concerne le service intérieur, et il me semble maintenant que notre pays est assez avancé pour adopter quelques-uns des moyens en usage là-bas; pour la plus grande commodité du commerce, de l'industrie et du public en général. Je vous donne ici des détails, avec commentaires, qui pourraient vous intéresser et je serais content si les membres de notre Chambre voudraient bien discuter les réformes que je suggère. Puisque nous avons un ministre Canadien-Français dans ce département des postes, je suis convaincu qu'il serait content de recevoir des conseils de notre Chambre. Remarquez bien que je ne parlerai que du service intérieur.

Je commence par les "Lettres".

TARIF AU CANADA.—2c. par once ou fraction d'once.

TARIF EN ANGLETERRE.—Jusqu'à 4 oz. 1d. ou environ 2c. et au-dessus 1d. ou environ 1c. par fraction de 2 oz. Lettres postées en retard ou après l'heure indiquée dans l'indicateur des postes, ou 5 minutes avant l'expédition des sacs de maille: 1d. ou environ 1c. extra. Par exemple, dans un des principaux bureaux de Londres, St-Martin-le-Grand, où les boîtes à lettres pour les mailles du soir sont fermées à 6 heures, il peut être posté jusqu'à 7.30 heures dans une boîte particulière marquée "Late Letters" pour les mêmes mailles, toute lettre affranchie d'un timbre additionnel de 1d. ou 1c.

Il me semble que le Gouvernement devrait adopter le même tarif pour lettres, et pour la commodité du commerce et du public adopter aussi dans les grands centres le système de lettres en retard au même tarif que l'Angleterre.

MANDATS DE POSTES.

TARIF AU CANADA:

\$ 50 et au-dessous	1c
Au-dessus \$ 50 jusqu'à \$100	6c
" 100 " 250	10c
" 250 " 500	15c
" 500 " 1000	20c
" 1000 " 1500	25c
" 1500 " 2000	30c

\$100.00 maximum d'un mandat payable au Canada.

TARIF EN ANGLETERRE:

41 ou environ \$5.00 et au-dessous	4c
Au-dessus \$ 5.00 jusqu'à 15.00 environ	6c
" 15.00 " 30.00 "	8c
" 30.00 " 45.00 "	10c
" 45.00 " 60.00 "	12c
" 60.00 " 75.00 "	14c
" 75.00 " 100.00 "	16c
" 100.00 " 150.00 "	18c
" 150.00 " 200.00 "	20c

TISSUS ET NOUVEAUTES

\$40 ou environ \$200 maximum d'un mandat payable en Angleterre. Au lieu de donner ces commissions aux Banques ou aux Compagnies d'express notre Gouvernement devrait réduire le tarif et adopter le système Anglais. Le Gouvernement devrait en même temps faire de la réclamation et accoutumer graduellement le public à se servir de mandats de poste au lieu de payer les commissions aux Banques ou aux Compagnies d'Express.

COLIS POSTAUX.

C'est surtout sur cette partie que j'insiste le plus car j'y vois de grands avantages pour le commerce et le public, et de gros bénéfices pour le Gouvernement. Je ne vois pas pourquoi les Compagnies d'Express et de transport auraient le privilège de se créer des revenus qui appartiennent au Gouvernement, département des postes. Les détails que je vous donne vont vous convaincre.

TARIF AU CANADA.

1c. par oz. ou fraction d'once.

Dimensions:—La limite du poids est de 5 lbs et le maximum des dimensions est de 30 pouces en longueur et de 1 pied en largeur et en épaisseur; mais la longueur et la circonférence combinées d'aucun paquet ne peuvent excéder 6 pieds.

TARIF EN ANGLETERRE:

1 lb et au-dessous 3d	ou environ 6c
1 lb. jusqu'à 2 lb	4d " 8c
2 lb. " 3 lb	5d " 10c
3 lb. " 4 lb	6d " 12c
4 lb. " 5 lb	7d " 14c
5 lb. " 6 lb	8d " 16c
6 lb. " 7 lb	9d " 18c
7 lb. " 8 lb	10d " 20c
8 lb. " 9 lb	11d " 22c
9 lb. " 10 lb	12d " 24c

La limite du poids est de 11 lbs et le maximum des dimensions est de 3 pieds 6 pouces en longueur, et la longueur et la circonférence combinées d'aucun paquet ne peuvent excéder 6 pieds.

TARIF EN FRANCE:

Jusqu'à 5 kilogrammes livrable en gare.	
(de kilogramme pèse un peu plus que 2 1/2 lbs)	
à domicile 85 "	15c
5 kilo. jusqu'à 5 kilo. en gare 80 cent mes "	10c
à domicile 1.15 "	21c
5 kilo. jusqu'à 10 kilo. en gare 1.25 "	25c
à domicile 1.50 "	35c
Le maximum du poids p. ut atteindre 10 kilos.	

DIMENSIONS, VOLUME.

Aucune condition de volume ou de dimension n'est exigée pour les colis jusqu'à 5 kilos. circulant à l'intérieur. Les colis de 5 à 10 kilos. ne peuvent excéder la dimension de 1 mètre 50 sur une face quelconque.

COLIS ENCOMBRANTS.

Il peut être accepté des colis encombrants moyennant une taxe additionnelle de 50 p. c. en sus du tarif ordinaire [non compris le droit de timbre]. Sont admis comme non-encombrants les colis qui ne dépassent pas 1 mètre en longueur et 20 centimètres en largeur ou épaisseur et

qui renferment des parapluies, cartes, plans ou objets similaires. Sont considérés comme colis encombrants les colis dépassant 1 mètre 50 dans un sens quelconque et qui par leur forme ne se prêtent pas facilement au chargement avec d'autres colis; ceux qui sont volumineux ou qui demandent des précautions spéciales telles que: plantes et arbustes en panier, cages vides, boîtes à cigares vides en fardeau, cartons et boîtes à chapeaux, meubles, rouets, vélocipèdes, boîtes refermant des abeilles, etc.

DECLARATION DE VALEUR.

Il peut être accepté des colis avec déclaration de valeur jusqu'à la limite de 500 francs [\$100]. Les colis sans valeur déclarée ne peuvent contenir ni espèces monnayées, ni matières d'or et d'argent, ni autres effets précieux. Le droit supplémentaire d'assurance à percevoir pour la déclaration de valeur est uniformément de 10 centimes jusqu'à 500 francs.

REMBOURSEMENT.

Les colis postaux peuvent être grevés de remboursement jusqu'à 500 francs. Tarif 60 centimes [12c.] [y compris le droit de timbre de 10 centimes] si le montant du remboursement doit être payé en gare ou au bureau et de 85 centimes [17c.] s'il doit être payé à domicile.

TARIF EN SUISSE:

Jusqu'à 1/2 kilogr.	15 centimes ou environ 3c
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